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REPLY BRIEF

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I. REAL PARTY IN INTEREST

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The real party in interest in this appeal is Intel Corporation, as the Assignee of

record.

II. RELATED APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

There are no other appeals or interferences that will directly affect, or be affected

by, or have a bearing on the decision of the Board in the pending appeal.

III. STATUS OF CLAIMS

Claims originally filed: 1-25

Claims canceled: 2, 3, 8-11

Claims withdrawn from consideration: None

Claims allowed: None

Claims objected to: None

Claims rejected: 1, 4-7, 12-25

Claims on appeal: 1, 4-7, 12-25

IV. STATUS OF AMENDMENTS

No Amendments have been filed subsequent to the Final Rejection mailed on

July, 18, 2007.

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V. SUMMARY OF THE CLAIMED SUBJECT MATTER

The following is a concise explanation of the subject matter defined in each of the independent claims involved in the appeal. Independent claims 1, 7, 19 and 22 are fully supported, concisely explained, and map to the specification and drawings.

Independent claim 1 maps to the specification and to the drawings as follows.

Claim 1	Specification and Drawings	
1. A system comprising	The present invention relates to a system for controlling use of broadcast content. Page 2, line 30.	
a receiver in communication with a source of broadcast content	Referring now to Fig. 1, in accordance wit a first embodiment of the present invention a system 10 for controlling use of broadca content includes a receiver 12 in communication with a broadcast content source 16. Page 3, lines 4-6 and Fig. 1.	
and coupled to a playback device and a storage device,	Receiver 12 is coupled to a playback device 14. Page 3, lines 6-7.	
	Looking more closely at receiver 20 in Fig. 2, storage manager 40 is coupled to a storage device 38. Storage device 38 may be implemented using any device capable of supporting storage and retrieval of digital data. For example, storage device 38 may be a hard drive installed in a computer in which receiver 20 is implemented or, alternatively, a standalone disk drive or other memory in communication with receiver 20. Page 6, lines 24-28 and Fig. 2.	
the receiver comprising a data interface having an Internet Protocol (IP) data module to process a broadcast stream comprising IP encapsulated data,	Alternatively, broadcast stream 18 may comprise digital content transmitted by broadcast content source 16 in accordance with any of a large number of well-known protocols, including but not limited to MPEG2 and IP (Internet Protocol). In such an implementation, digital content can be transmitted as encapsulated data, such as IP data included within (i.e., "tunneled" within) private sections of an MPEG2 data	

the receiver to control the use of received broadcast content through the playback device and the storage device in accordance with a descriptor embedded in the received broadcast content,	transmitted as a native type on an MPEG2 transport stream using, for example, well-known protocols in the MPEG family of standards such as DSM-CC Download Protocol, Data Carousel, and Object Carousel. Page 3, lines 13-20. In accordance with the embodiment shown in Fig. 1, broadcast stream 18 includes descriptive information (not shown), called a "descriptor," which defines the manner in which the digital content included in broadcast stream 18 may be used. Page 3, lines 28-30. In this particular embodiment, receiver 12	
	interprets and acts upon the information	
	carried in the descriptor. Page 4, lines 3-4.	
the descriptor to indicate whether the	For example, as is discussed further below,	
storage device may store the received	the descriptor may define whether a	
broadcast content prior to viewing and	television show, a movie, or other digital	
without reproducing the received broadcast	content within broadcast stream 18 can be	
content,	recorded for viewing at some later time.	
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and once stored, a number of times the	Likewise, the descriptor can include	
playback device may reproduce the	information relating to the number of times	
received broadcast content.	that the digital content may be viewed, the	
	cost for viewing (e.g., on a per-viewing	
	basis), and how long the digital content	
	may be viewed (e.g., a predefined length of	
	time, a date range). Page 3, line 33 – Page	
	4, line 3.	

Independent claim 7 maps to the specification and to the drawings as follows.

Claim 7	Specification and Figures
7. A method comprising:	By way of further illustration, Fig. 3 presents a flow diagram describing a general method for controlling the use of broadcast content in accordance with another embodiment of the present invention. Page 8, lines 16-18 and Fig. 3.
receiving broadcast content comprising Internet Protocol (IP) encapsulated data;	As shown, the method involves receiving broadcast content (Step 100). Page 8, lines 19-20.

	Alternatively, broadcast stream 18 may comprise digital content transmitted by broadcast content source 16 in accordance with any of a large number of well-known protocols, including but not limited to MPEG2 and IP (Internet Protocol). In such an implementation, digital content can be transmitted as encapsulated data, such as IP data included within (i.e., "tunneled" within) private sections of an MPEG2 data stream, or the digital content can be transmitted as a native type on an MPEG2 transport stream using, for example, well-known protocols in the MPEG family of standards such as DSM-CC Download Protocol, Data Carousel, and Object Carousel. Page 3, lines 13-20.
processing the IP encapsulated data by extracting a descriptor embedded in the received broadcast content,	In this particular embodiment, receiver 12 interprets and acts upon the information carried in the descriptor. In other embodiments, it is possible to configure playback device 14 or some other component of system 10 to perform some or all of the functionality of receiver 12 with respect to processing the descriptor. Likewise, it is possible to configure receiver 12 or such other components to include defaults with respect to authorized uses of digital content that will be applied in the event that broadcast stream 18 either lacks a descriptor or includes invalid/insufficient descriptive information. Page 4, lines 3-9.
the descriptor to indicate whether the received broadcast content may be stored prior to viewing and without reproducing the received broadcast content,	For example, as is discussed further below, the descriptor may define whether a television show, a movie, or other digital content within broadcast stream 18 can be recorded for viewing at some later time. Page 3, lines 30-33.
and once stored, a length of time the received broadcast content may be reproduced;	Likewise, the descriptor can include information relating to the number of times that the digital content may be viewed, the cost for viewing (e.g., on a per-viewing basis), and how long the digital content may be viewed (e.g., a predefined length of time, a date range). Page 3, line 33 – Page

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	4, line 3.
controlling use of the received broadcast content in accordance with the extracted descriptor;	In this particular embodiment, receiver 12 interprets and acts upon the information carried in the descriptor. In other embodiments, it is possible to configure playback device 14 or some other component of system 10 to perform some or all of the functionality of receiver 12 with respect to processing the descriptor. Likewise, it is possible to configure receiver 12 or such other components to include defaults with respect to authorized uses of digital content that will be applied in the event that broadcast stream 18 either lacks a descriptor or includes invalid/insufficient descriptive information. Page 4, lines 3-9.
wherein the extracted descriptor indicates a	Likewise, the descriptor can include
number of times that the received broadcast content may be reproduced.	information relating to the number of times that the digital content may be viewed, the cost for viewing (e.g., on a per-viewing basis), and how long the digital content may be viewed (e.g., a predefined length of time, a date range). Page 3, line 33 – Page 4, line 3.

Independent claim 19 maps to the specification and to the drawings as follows.

Claim 19	Specification and Figures
19. A machine-readable medium having	Embodiments of the present invention may
stored thereon a set of executable	be distributed, for example, as a set of
instructions to perform a method	instructions residing on a storage medium.
comprising:	Such a storage medium might be a memory
	of a computer; a piece of firmware; a
	portable storage device, such as a diskette
	or other magnetic storage device, or a CD-
	ROM; or any other medium on which it is
	known to store executable instructions.
	Page 8, lines 29-33.
receiving broadcast content comprising	As shown, the method involves receiving
Internet Protocol (IP) encapsulated data;	broadcast content (Step 100). Page 8,
	lines 19-20.
	Alternatively, broadcast stream 18 may
	comprise digital content transmitted by
	broadcast content source 16 in accordance

	with any of a large number of well-known protocols, including but not limited to
	MPEG2 and IP (Internet Protocol). In such an implementation, digital content can be transmitted as encapsulated data, such as IP data included within (i.e., "tunneled" within) private sections of an MPEG2 data stream, or the digital content can be transmitted as a native type on an MPEG2 transport stream using, for example, well-known protocols in the MPEG family of standards such as DSM-CC Download
	Protocol, Data Carousel, and Object
processing the IP encapsulated data by extracting a descriptor embedded in the received broadcast content,	Carousel. Page 3, lines 13-20. In this particular embodiment, receiver 12 interprets and acts upon the information carried in the descriptor. In other embodiments, it is possible to configure playback device 14 or some other component of system 10 to perform some or all of the functionality of receiver 12 with respect to processing the descriptor. Likewise, it is possible to configure receiver 12 or such other components to include defaults with respect to authorized uses of digital content that will be applied in the event that broadcast stream 18 either lacks a descriptor or includes invalid/insufficient descriptive information. Page 4, lines 3-9.
the descriptor to indicate whether the	For example, as is discussed further below,
received broadcast content may be stored	the descriptor may define whether a
prior to viewing and without reproducing the received broadcast content,	television show, a movie, or other digital content within broadcast stream 18 can be recorded for viewing at some later time. Page 3, lines 30-33.
and once stored, a length of time the received broadcast content may be reproduced;	Likewise, the descriptor can include information relating to the number of times that the digital content may be viewed, the cost for viewing (e.g., on a per-viewing basis), and how long the digital content may be viewed (e.g., a predefined length of time, a date range). Page 3, line 33 – Page 4, line 3.
and controlling use of the received	In this particular embodiment, receiver 12
broadcast content in accordance with the	interprets and acts upon the information

extracted descriptor;	carried in the descriptor. In other
	embodiments, it is possible to configure
	playback device 14 or some other
	component of system 10 to perform some
	or all of the functionality of receiver 12
	with respect to processing the descriptor.
	Likewise, it is possible to configure
	receiver 12 or such other components to
	include defaults with respect to authorized
	uses of digital content that will be applied
	in the event that broadcast stream 18 either
	lacks a descriptor or includes
	invalid/insufficient descriptive information.
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number of times that the received broadcast	
content may be reproduced.	that the digital content may be viewed, the
	cost for viewing (e.g., on a per-viewing
	basis), and how long the digital content
	may be viewed (e.g., a predefined length of
	time, a date range). Page 3, line 33 – Page
	4, line 3.

Independent claim 22 maps to the specification and to the drawings as follows.

Claim 22	Specification and Figures
22. A system comprising	The present invention relates to a system
	for controlling use of broadcast content.
	Page 2, line 30.
a receiver in communication with a source	Referring now to Fig. 1, in accordance with
of broadcast content	a first embodiment of the present invention
	a system 10 for controlling use of broadcast
	content includes a receiver 12 in
	communication with a broadcast content
	source 16. Page 3, lines 4-6 and Fig. 1.
and coupled to a playback device and a	Receiver 12 is coupled to a playback
storage device,	device 14. Page 3, lines 6-7.
	Looking more closely at receiver 20 in Fig.
	2, storage manager 40 is coupled to a
	storage device 38. Storage device 38 may
	be implemented using any device capable
	of supporting storage and retrieval of
	digital data. For example, storage device
	38 may be a hard drive installed in a

	computer in which receiver 20 is implemented or, alternatively, a standalone disk drive or other memory in communication with receiver 20. Page 6, lines 24-28 and Fig. 2.
the receiver comprising a data interface having an Internet Protocol (IP) data module to process a broadcast stream comprising IP encapsulated data,	Alternatively, broadcast stream 18 may comprise digital content transmitted by broadcast content source 16 in accordance with any of a large number of well-known protocols, including but not limited to MPEG2 and IP (Internet Protocol). In such an implementation, digital content can be transmitted as encapsulated data, such as IP data included within (i.e., "tunneled" within) private sections of an MPEG2 data stream, or the digital content can be transmitted as a native type on an MPEG2 transport stream using, for example, well-known protocols in the MPEG family of standards such as DSM-CC Download Protocol, Data Carousel, and Object Carousel. Page 3, lines 13-20.
the receiver to control the use of received broadcast content through the playback device and the storage device in accordance with a descriptor embedded in the received broadcast content,	In accordance with the embodiment shown in Fig. 1, broadcast stream 18 includes descriptive information (not shown), called a "descriptor," which defines the manner in which the digital content included in broadcast stream 18 may be used. Page 3, lines 28-30.
	In this particular embodiment, receiver 12 interprets and acts upon the information carried in the descriptor. Page 4, lines 3-4.
the descriptor to indicate whether the storage device may store the received broadcast content prior to viewing,	For example, as is discussed further below, the descriptor may define whether a television show, a movie, or other digital content within broadcast stream 18 can be recorded for viewing at some later time. Page 3, lines 30-33.
and once stored, a number of times the playback device may reproduce the received broadcast content.	Likewise, the descriptor can include information relating to the number of times that the digital content may be viewed, the cost for viewing (e.g., on a per-viewing basis), and how long the digital content may be viewed (e.g., a predefined length of time, a date range). Page 3, line 33 – Page

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VI. GROUNDS OF REJECTION TO BE REVIEWED ON APPEAL

Whether claims 1, 4-7 and 12-25 are unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Gotwald (U.S.5,987,518) in view of Horton et al (U.S. 4,945,563) and further in view of Russo (U.S. 5,619,247).

VII. ARGUMENT

Applicant respectfully submits that Gotwald, Horton et al., and Russo, whether taken alone or in combination, are insufficient to establish a *prima facie* case of obviousness with respect to the amended independent claims. To form a *prima facie* case of obviousness under 35 U.S.C § 103(a) the cited references, when combined, must teach or suggest every element of the claim. See MPEP § 2143.03, for example. Applicant respectfully submits that the Office Action has not established a *prima facie* case of obviousness because the cited references, taken alone or in combination, fail to teach or suggest every element recited in claims 1, 4-7 and 12-25.

Applicant respectfully submits that the cited references, taken alone or in combination, fail to teach or suggest every element recited in claims 1, 4-7 and 12-25. Therefore claims 1, 4-7 and 12-25 define over Gotwald, Horton and Russo whether taken alone or in combination. For example, claim 1 recites "a pay-per-use Internet Protocol (IP) television broadcast stream." Applicant respectfully submits that neither of Gotwald, Horton and Russo teaches or suggests a pay-per-use Internet Protocol (IP) television broadcast stream as recited in claim 1. The Examiner relies upon portions of Gotwald to disclose "a pay-per-use Internet Protocol (IP) television broadcast stream" and argues at page 7 of Examiner's Answer that "Gotwald teaches encapsulating Internet Protocol (IP)

data in a broadcast stream." Applicant submits that the broadcast stream disclosed by

Gotwald is clearly not "a pay-per-use Internet Protocol (IP) television broadcast stream."

The cited portions of Gotwald make it clear that the disclosed video stream is a standard MPEG2 video stream and is not an IP broadcast stream. The MPEG2 video stream disclosed by Gotwald arguably allows traditional IP data to be sent within a MPEG2 video stream. In fact, the purpose of the method disclosed by Gotwald is to circumvent the use of an IP broadcast stream by encapsulating IP data within a traditional MPEG2 video stream. By way of contrast, the claimed subject matter discloses an "Internet Protocol (IP) television broadcast stream." Therefore, Gotwald, Horton and Russo, whether taken alone or in combination, fail to disclose, teach or suggest every element recited in claim 1.

Additionally, Gotwald, Horton and Russo fail to teach, suggest or disclose a descriptor indicating "a number of times the playback device may reproduce the received broadcast content" as recited in independent claim 1. At page 8 of Examiner's Answer the Examiner argues "by providing a predetermined duration of playing back stored programs or movies (with fixed duration or playing time), Russo clearly teaches restricting a number of times the playback device may reproduce (view) the received broadcast content." Applicant submits that even if Russo implicitly restricts the number of times it is possible to playback received broadcast content by providing a predetermined duration of time for which broadcast content may be played back, which Applicant does not admit, Russo still clearly fails to teach a descriptor to indicate a number of times the playback device may reproduce the received broadcast content" as recited in independent claim 1.

Applicant submits that restricting the duration for which play back is possible is clearly different than providing a descriptor to indicate a number of times the playback device may reproduce the received broadcast content" as recited in independent claim 1. For example, Russo at the given cite, in relevant part, states, "a viewer may be allowed to view a selected program as many times as desired over a particular, predetermined period of time." Applicant respectfully submits that allowing a selected program to be viewed as many times as desired for a predetermined period of time, as taught by Russo, is different than providing a descriptor to indicate "a number of times the playback device may reproduce the received broadcast content." Applicant submits that Russo clearly restricts the duration of time that broadcast content may be played back. The claimed subject matter, however, does not restrict the duration of time and instead restricts the number of times broadcast content may be played back by providing a descriptor to indicate "a number of times the playback device may reproduce the received broadcast content." Applicant submits that Russo in fact actually teaches away from limiting the number of times broadcast content may be reproduced. Therefore, Gotwald, Horton and Russo, whether taken alone or in combination, fail to disclose, teach or suggest every element recited in claim 1.

Once again, Applicant respectfully submits that the cited references, taken alone or in combination, also fail to teach suggest or disclose "a descriptor embedded in the received broadcast content, the descriptor to indicate whether the storage device may store the received broadcast content prior to viewing and without reproducing the received broadcast content" as recited in independent claim 1. According to the Office

Action, the missing language is disclosed by Horton at column 3, lines 38-67. Applicant respectfully disagrees. Horton at the given cite, in relevant part, states:

The receiver 20 includes a descrambling circuit 26 which descrambles the television program and feeds it to a decoder 28. The decoder 28 decodes the coded information embedded in the TV signal and provides an indication to an operator of the various modes available with this particular program. The modes which may be made available include view only, view and tape for fee, and view and tape for free. Depending upon the mode selected, the TV program will then be routed along conductor 34 corresponding to view and tape for free; or through the copy protect circuit 36 where it would be formatted for to view and tape for a fee; or through antitape circuitry 38 where it would be formatted for view only....

Applicant submits that Horton at the given cite, arguably, teaches the view only, view and tape for fee and view and tape for free modes. Each of these steps, however, involves viewing the descrambled television program. This is different from "a descriptor embedded in the received broadcast content, the descriptor to indicate whether the storage device may store the received broadcast content prior to viewing and without reproducing the received broadcast content." For example, the language of claim 1 allows the storage device to "store the received broadcast content prior to viewing and without reproducing the received broadcast content." Horton clearly fails to teach or suggest a descriptor "a descriptor embedded in the received broadcast content, the descriptor to indicate whether the storage device may store the received broadcast content prior to viewing and without reproducing the received broadcast content." Therefore, Gotwald, Horton and Russo, whether taken alone or in combination, fail to disclose, teach or suggest every element recited in claim 1.

Independent claims 7, 19 and 22 have been amended to recite features similar to those recited in amended independent claim 1. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 7, 19 and 22 are not obvious and are patentable over Gotwald, Horton and Russo, taken alone or in combination, for reasons analogous to those presented with respect to claim 1. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests removal of the obviousness rejection with respect to claim 7, 19 and 22.

Furthermore, if an independent claim is non-obvious under 35 U.S.C. § 103, then any claim depending therefrom is non-obvious. See MPEP § 2143.03, for example. Accordingly, claims 4-6 also are non-obvious and patentable over Gotwald, Horton and Russo, taken alone or in combination, at least on the basis of their dependency from claim 1. Furthermore, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the obviousness rejection with respect to claims 12-18, 20-21 and 23-25 that depend from claims 7, 19 and 22 respectively, and therefore contain additional features that further distinguish these claims from Gotwald, Horton and Russo.

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For at least the reasons given above, claims 1, 4-7 and 12-25 are non-obvious and

represent patentable subject matter in view of the cited references, whether taken alone or

in combination. Accordingly, removal of the obviousness rejection with respect to claims

1, 4-7 and 12-25 is respectfully requested. Further, Applicant submits that the above-

recited novel features provide new and unexpected results not recognized by the cited

references. Accordingly, Applicant submits that the claims are not anticipated nor

rendered obvious in view of the cited references.

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VIII. CLAIMS APPENDIX

A system comprising a receiver in communication with a source of broadcast
content and coupled to a playback device and a storage device, the receiver comprising a
data interface having an Internet Protocol (IP) data module to process a broadcast stream
comprising IP encapsulated data, the receiver to control the use of received broadcast
content through the playback device and the storage device in accordance with a
descriptor embedded in the received broadcast content, the descriptor to indicate whether
the storage device may store the received broadcast content prior to viewing and without
reproducing the received broadcast content, and once stored, a number of times the
playback device may reproduce the received broadcast content.

- (Canceled)
- (Canceled)
- The system of claim 1, wherein the receiver is further to maintain information relating to the use of the received broadcast content through the playback device.
- The system of claim 4, wherein the receiver is further to use the information relating to the use of the received broadcast content for remuneration of a provider of the broadcast content.

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6. The system of claim 5, wherein the information relating to the use of the received

broadcast content comprises a duration of use.

A method comprising:

receiving broadcast content comprising Internet Protocol (IP) encapsulated data;

processing the IP encapsulated data by extracting a descriptor embedded in the

received broadcast content, the descriptor to indicate whether the received broadcast

content may be stored prior to viewing and without reproducing the received broadcast

content, and once stored, a length of time the received broadcast content may be

reproduced;

controlling use of the received broadcast content in accordance with the extracted

descriptor;

wherein the extracted descriptor indicates a number of times that the received

broadcast content may be reproduced.

8. (Canceled)

(Canceled).

10. (Canceled)

11. (Canceled)

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- 12. The method of claim 7, wherein the length of time includes a date range.
- The method of claim 7, wherein the extracted descriptor comprises billing information.
- 14. The method of claim 13, wherein the billing information comprises a cost for consumption of the broadcast content.
- 15. The method of claim 7, wherein the controlling use comprises preventing use of the broadcast content other than as specified by the extracted descriptor.
- The method of claim 7, further comprising obtaining payment information from a user of the received broadcast content.
- The method of claim 7, further comprising communicating consumption information to a billing facility.
- 18. The method of claim 17, wherein the billing facility comprises a facility maintained by a provider of the received broadcast content.
- 19. A machine-readable medium having stored thereon a set of executable instructions to perform a method comprising:

receiving broadcast content comprising Internet Protocol (IP) encapsulated data;

processing the IP encapsulated data by extracting a descriptor embedded in the received broadcast content, the descriptor to indicate whether the received broadcast content may be stored prior to viewing and without reproducing the received broadcast content, and once stored, a length of time the received broadcast content may be reproduced; and

controlling use of the received broadcast content in accordance with the extracted descriptor;

wherein the extracted descriptor indicates a number of times that the received broadcast content may be reproduced.

- The storage medium of claim 19, wherein the storage medium comprises a memory accessible by a computer.
- 21. The storage medium of claim 19, wherein the storage medium comprises a portable storage device.
- 22. A system comprising a receiver in communication with a source of broadcast content and coupled to a playback device and a storage device, the receiver comprising a data interface having an Internet Protocol (IP) data module to process a broadcast stream comprising IP encapsulated data, the receiver to control the use of received broadcast content through the playback device and the storage device in accordance with a descriptor embedded in the received broadcast content, the descriptor to indicate whether the storage device may store the received broadcast content prior to viewing, and once

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stored, a number of times the playback device may reproduce the received broadcast content.

- 23. The system of claim 22, wherein the receiver is further to maintain information relating to the use of the received broadcast content through the playback device.
- 24. The system of claim 23, wherein the receiver is further to use the information relating to the use of the received broadcast content for remuneration of a provider of the broadcast content.
- 25. The system of claim 24, wherein the information relating to the use of the received broadcast content comprises a duration of use.

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IX. EVIDENCE APPENDIX

None

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X. RELATED PROCEEDINGS APPENDIX

None